



Monthly Meditation

August, 2022

Monthly Theme

“Sailing in Victory.”

Scripture

Luke 5:4-11

“After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.’ Simon said in reply, ‘Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and they filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, ‘Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.’ For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men.’ When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.”

Reflection

1. Read the passage aloud and then one more time, slowly and thoughtfully.
2. Reflect on what word or phrase from these words of Jesus stand out to you.
3. Read the passage once more, slowly and thoughtfully.
4. What do you feel the Lord is trying to tell you in this word or phrase?

Discussion

1. What word or phrase from this scripture passage stood out to you? Why?
2. How does this passage from scripture relate to the monthly theme of "Sailing in Victory"?
3. The terms "Sailing in Victory" speak to how we should live our lives as faithful followers of Christ. How do you feel you are currently "Sailing in Victory" in your life?
4. What are some things that might make you not want to talk about your faith with others?
5. How might you overcome the things that prevent you from sharing your faith with others?

Action

This month, challenge yourself to speak about your faith to at least two other persons.

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love and strengthen in us your many gifts.

Give us the courage we need to reach out to others and to proclaim the wonders of your love.

Open our hearts to receive your grace so that our faith in you may continue to grow and overflow into the lives of others.

Give us all that we need to follow the example of your apostles, to proclaim you love and truth to others, and to sail into the victory of your kingdom!

Amen.